

Fortraindale Ills

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1871

Prof A Gray

Dear Sir

Your favor  
of the 8<sup>th</sup> just came to  
hand at the breakfast  
table this morning - I  
immediately set about  
collecting the Willow cuttings  
which I send by mail  
under numbers correspond-  
ing with the enclosed list -  
(the same as my collection  
numbers of 1870) I failed  
to get last seasons good  
specimens on account of  
persistent rains during  
the period of blossoming  
- hence the lesser number  
of those marked in